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WHITNEY COMPANY

WHOLESALE

HARDWARE

Farm Implements, Pipe Fittings and Ranch Supplies.

Write for prices

LARGEST STOCK IN THE SOUTHWEST.

113-115-117 S. First St. and 401-403 N. First St.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.

First National Bank

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO.

Authorized Capital - \$ 500,000.00
Paid Up Capital, Profits and Surplus - 250,000.00
Deposits - 2,000,000.00

—OFFICERS—

Joshua S. Reynolds, President. Frank McKee, Cashier.
M. W. Flournoy, Vice President. W. W. Woods, Assistant Cashier.

—0—UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY—0—
DEPOSITORY FOR THE A. T. & S. F. RY. SYSTEM.

House Cleaning Time

the back-breaking time for the cleanly house-wife, is made easier by the use of

THE
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS
PAINTS

Paint saves half the labor of house cleaning. Painted wood-work is easier to clean than unpainted wood-work. It doesn't collect as much dirt, and what dirt it does collect comes off easier. Paint this year and you'll have less work next year.

The Sherwin-Williams Family Paint in small cans meets the hundred and one demands for a little paint about the house. Dries quickly. The girls can apply it. Can be scrubbed. Color cards for the asking.

SOLD BY
SOCORRO DRUG AND SUPPLY CO.

Capt. John F. Fullerton of the New Mexico Mounted Police was in Santa Fe today on business with the Executive of the Territory. Captain Fullerton said that everything was quiet and that with the exception of the need of rain the crops were in the best of condition. He returned to Socorro this afternoon.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Prof. F. A. Jones, the well-known mine expert, will leave this evening for Lordsburg, where he will examine the mines in that immediate vicinity, and he will then go to the copper districts of southern Arizona. He will be absent about two weeks, and on his return will write out his reports on the properties visited.—Albuquerque Citizen.

Professor W. R. Twining, who served as principal of the public schools of this city during the scholastic year 1904-1905, has been appointed principal of the Socorro public schools. Professor Twining is a competent and efficient teacher and filled the office of principal of the public schools of this city very acceptably.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

The home of Superintendent and Mrs. José Antonio Torres was made glad by the arrival of a fine boy baby Saturday morning.

There is need of more work on the dam at the point of the mountain. The dam has not given way, to be sure, but the gravel in the middle of the arroyo just below the railroad is heaped up fully as high as the dam and it would not be at all surprising if the next flood that comes down from the mountains were thrown against the dam with disastrous consequences. Anybody who thinks that the dam has averted no danger from Socorro should view the work done by the water in its channel between the railroad and the river.

The Chieftain acknowledges a pleasant call from L. U. Morris, who has just succeeded J. F. McNally as superintendent of the Rio Grande division of the Santa Fe. Mr. Morris formerly spent thirteen years on this division, so he is by no means a stranger in the field of his present operations.

Judge J. R. McFie of the Santa Fe district was in Socorro the first of the week to inquire, in the absence of Judge Parker, into the sanity of a man from the western part of the county.

Mrs. F. A. Jones and son, Frank, will leave Saturday morning for the Jemez hot springs, where they will remain for several weeks.—Albuquerque Citizen.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meet as a Board of Equalization and Find Work Enough to Do.

MANY TAX RAISES ARE ABATED

All Bills against County Are Paid and Many Other Matters of Business Receive Attention.

The board of county commissioners met in this city in regular session as a board of equalization Thursday, July 9. Present: Commissioners Ed Jaramillo, chairman, Alfredo Armijo, and Abran Contreras; Clerk B. A. Pino; and Sheriff Leandro Baca.

Abatements were made from raises made by either the assessor or the board of county commissioners as follows:

Wm. Gardiner.....	900 00
Montoya & Hill.....	9,975 00
Rosaura L. Montoya.....	250 00
Fred Scholle.....	5,450 00
Carpio Chavez.....	700 00
J. W. Medley.....	8,000 00
Becker-Blackwell Co.....	5,000 00
Leandro Gutierrez.....	875 00
Roman y Antonio Castillo.....	80 00
A. E. Rouiller.....	4,300 00
Rafael Mendoza.....	100 00
W. H. Sanders & Son.....	2,250 00
Juanita Vigil de Luna.....	300 00
Matias Contreras.....	4,750 00
Juan José Baca.....	1,000 00
Vicente Chavez y Torres.....	225 00
Victor Sais.....	250 00
Mrs. Margaret Bruton.....	180 00
Vivianita G. Chavez.....	150 00
Abel Chavez.....	200 00
José Maria Romero.....	70 00
Francisco V. Chavez.....	4,050 00
José Ignacio Aragon.....	15,050 00
Manuel S. Pino.....	6,250 00
Gumelindo Benavidez.....	830 00
J. P. Worrell.....	1,845 00
Juan S. Chavez.....	1,585 00
Jacobo B. Chavez.....	415 00
Francisco Landovazo.....	1,250 00
Jesus Landovazo.....	625 00
Felix Fajardo.....	75 00
Isabel Contreras.....	937 00
Carpio Padilla.....	540 00
Leandro Romero.....	115 00
Abran Contreras.....	625 00
German Contreras.....	1,250 00
Leopoldo Contreras.....	225 00
Miguel Padilla.....	1,345 00
Manuel Jaramillo.....	250 00
Juan Sanchez y Vigil.....	2,860 00
José Chavez y Baca.....	2,930 00
B. A. Pino.....	270 00
Melquiades Aragon.....	250 00
Amado Aragon.....	500 00
Solomon Luna.....	6,250 00
Diego Armijo.....	500 00
P. A. Romero.....	138 00
Teofilo Jaramillo.....	50 00
Donaciano Apodaca.....	1,250 00
Mrs. S. F. Kiehne.....	11,250 00
H. T. Mayberry.....	14,850 00
Luciano Chavez.....	120 00
Rud River Cattle Co.....	27,000 00
John E. Griffith.....	100 00
Victor Lopez.....	225 00
R. E. Montgomery.....	100 00
Mary Fitch.....	25 00
J. H. Hilton.....	130 00
Frank Abeytia.....	500 00
A. C. Abeytia.....	100 00
Mrs. A. C. Abeytia.....	135 00
Juan José Romero.....	680 00
José C. Montoya.....	300 00

Raises were sustained and appeal taken on the same as follows:

Francisco Castillo y Pino.....	
José Felipe Castillo.....	
Chico Sheep Co.....	\$ 3,000 00
Juan Garcia.....	
Frank Hubbell.....	
Price Bros. & Co.....	43,160 00

The return made on the property of Francisco Armijo, deceased, was abated in whole for the reason that the property had been distributed among the heirs.

Taxes were totally abated as follows:

Hood Bros., 1901.....	\$100 00
Elfege Baca.....	90
Mrs. Elfege Baca, 1900, previously paid.....	23 03
H. O. Bursum, 1901.....	114 23

The resignation of Geo. A. Durbin, J. P., precinct No. 35, was accepted.

The reports of a large number of justices of the peace were approved.

The report of José E. Torres, collector and treasurer, for the quarter ending June 30 was approved.

Butcher's bonds were approved as follows: Ben McClure, Magdalena; Vicente Pino, Carthage; (Continued on Page 4.)

FIRE FIEND VISITS SOCORRO

Windsor Hotel and Henry May's Livery Barn Go Up in Smoke. No Water in the Mains. Hard Work to Save Contents of Burning Buildings. Loss, \$16,500.

The fire fiend has again paid Socorro one of his usually disastrous visits. At 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon fire broke out in some hay in Henry May's feed yard. The blaze could easily have been extinguished, but there was no water available. The fire quickly reached May's livery barn and, when it died out simply because there was nothing more to burn, all that was left of the barn and the Windsor hotel was a smoldering mass of ruins.

The experience at this fire was but a repetition of that at several fires in the city during the last four or five years. The hose company was quickly on the scene, but when the water was turned on there was not pressure enough to swell the flatness out of the hose. Members of the company and other citizens then gave their whole efforts to rescuing property from the burning buildings and from adjacent residences. The greater part of the contents of the barn and the hotel was saved by a tremendous amount of work, though the heat from the conflagration, added to the natural heat of the day, made the temperature well nigh intolerable.

The residences of Conductor P. J. Savage, County Clerk B. A. Pino, Hon. H. O. Bursum, A. F. Katzenstein, and two residence properties belonging to Attorney Jas. G. Fitch were in great danger several times during the progress of the fire. In fact some of them were discovered to be on fire two or three times, but the work of bucket brigades saved them. If the breeze had been blowing had not been favorable they all would have gone up in smoke and where the fire destruction would have ended nobody can tell.

The total loss from the fire was about \$16,500, distributed as follows: C. T. Brown, owner of the Windsor, \$10,000; P. N. Yunker, lessee of the Windsor, \$6,000; H. G. May, \$500. These losses were partly covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known. The destruction may have been the work of an incendiary or it may have been due to some smoker's carelessness. At any rate, the broken and blackened walls of the Windsor hotel now add another to the already too numerous ruins that greet the eye in Socorro.

HARDING-CLASPILL. NUPTIALS.

Miss Mae Harding, Formerly Well Known in Socorro, Bestows Her Heart and Hand.

The marriage of Clarence Henry Claspill and Miss Mae Catherine Harding was solemnized on the evening of July 8 at the home of the bride's aunt. The bride wore a lace robe over silk and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Harding was attended by Miss Maggie McSwatt, who was very becomingly gowned in pink embroidered chiffon and carried peonies. Peter de Richelieu Doyle acted as best man. The bride's maids were Lena Spivens, Darlene Donnellson, Dorothy Dodd and Sylvia McDougall. After a short tour of the states Mr. and Mrs. Claspill will be at home to their friends at the Savoy.

The above clipping from the Denver News was received by Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayer the first of the week.

The bride is the charming niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gillett, formerly of Socorro, but now of Osteen, Florida, and Miss Mary McDougall of Denver, and is well known in this city, having spent a number of years here, where she has many warm friends who will congratulate Mr. Claspill on his good fortune in securing for his bride one whom we know to possess not only a gentle, amiable disposition, but every virtue of a devoted and true life companion, and all will join in wishing them both a long and happy voyage on the uncertain sea of matrimony.

Mining and Metallurgy.

W. B. Walton, secretary of the territorial board of the Louisiana exposition managers of New Mexico, has issued an official list of the awards made at St. Louis to New Mexico exhibitors. In the list are the following:

Group 116—Gold—Territory of New Mexico, Santa Fe mineral resources, New Mexico world's fair commission, Santa Fe, coal and ores.

Group 116—Silver—New Mexico School of Mines, Socorro, zinc ores and minerals.

Group 116—Bronze—C. H. Laidlow, Fairview, mineral specimens. A. B. Renahan, San Pedro, mineral exhibit. New Mexico Fuel and Iron company, Santa Fe, blende and bituminous coal. Kelly mine, Kelly, zinc and lead ores. Graphic mine, Socorro, zinc ores and calcites. Mogollon Gold & Copper company, Cooney, copper ore. C. B. Hickman, Pinos Altos, copper minerals. Central mining district, Hillsboro, native copper.

Fresh vegetables at Winkler's.

SOCORRO'S WATER SYSTEM

The City Improvement Association Appoints Committee of Three to Make Investigation.

REPORT THAT PRESSURE IS LOW

And That Not to Exceed One-Tenth of the Water Used Is Paid for.

Some time ago a committee of three substantial citizens of Socorro was appointed by the Socorro Improvement Association to investigate and report upon the condition of the city's water system, the method of its administration, etc. Jos. E. Smith is chairman of this committee.

Mr. Smith called at the Chieftain office Wednesday morning and said that, while the committee was not yet ready to make an exhaustive and final report, still it had in its possession certain facts which the fire of the day before ought to make of vital interest to every citizen of Socorro. Mr. Smith said that, for illustration, the committee had found that the pressure in the water mains is only from 12 to 14 pounds, although every insurance policy issued on the city property is based on the supposition that such pressure is 80 pounds. The committee had found further, said Mr. Smith, that from 12 o'clock midnight to 4 o'clock a. m. there is usually no pressure of water in the pipes west of Park street and frequently none west of Sixth street, the first street west of the Windsor hotel site. According to the same authority, water is constantly being used in violation of city ordinances and, furthermore, less than one-tenth of the water consumed is paid for.

In regard to the matter of insurance, Mr. Smith said that as a result of existing conditions one strong company had already canceled all its Socorro risks and that unless conditions were improved it would not be at all surprising if all other reputable companies did likewise.

Little Miss Josephine and Master Irvin Smith entertained in honor of the second anniversary of the former's birth Friday afternoon the following little friends: John and Alma Savage, John Gatlin, Ina and Anna Lee Terry, Sidney Bartlett, Mary Harris, Ralph and Ruth Fairweather, Dorothy Hill, Bessie Kutzner, Isabel Gordon, Louise Terry and Lloyd and Stanley Mayer. All had the time that only children can have, and after dainty refreshments were served and a little more good time all bade the little entertainers good bye wishing, the writer imagines, way down in their little hearts of hearts, that Josephine's birthdays would come faster.

Dña. Piedad B. de Baca, wife of Hermene G. Baca, died at the family home at Escondida Saturday, July 15, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening, at the age of 37 years, 7 months, and 9 days. The deceased had been afflicted with poor health for several years. A very large number of relatives and friends from Socorro and elsewhere attended the funeral services at the residence and the Methodist Episcopal church Monday morning. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Escondida.

The Improvement Association has begun work on the walk to the Santa Fe station. The fact that Conductor P. J. Savage has entire charge of the enterprise is a guarantee of good work and money well expended.

Attorney and Mrs. Jas. G. Fitch and daughter Susan left yesterday morning for a two weeks' outing at a ranch 120 miles west of Magdalena.

New Bus and Carriage Service.

Ramon M. Olguin will be prepared on and after Monday, July 24, to furnish fine carriages for customers within the city, will meet all trains, and will attend punctually to all calls in any part of the city. Round trips special for traveling salesman. Phone 59. Come, everybody.